

RACING, BASE BALL AND OTHER SPORTS

Five Favorites, Heavily Backed,
Won at New Orleans.

HORSES WERE CONSISTENT

Foreigner Only First Choice That Failed to Cash.

BOOKIES WERE HARD HIT

Salary Limit for Tri-Staters—Golf on Florida Links—Change in Foot Ball Rules—Bowling.

NEW ORLEANS, January 26.—Form players had a gala day at the Fair Grounds yesterday afternoon. They cashed bets on five favorites. As all the choices were at excellent odds, the ring received the worst financial drubbing of the season.

Just what caused the favorite to race so well after many disappointments this winter no one can forward to explain. Trainers ridiculed the suggestion of "dope" and thought it was due to the muddy condition of the course, a change from the hard, brittle track over which the horses have raced until many have gone lame on hoof and ankle. The students of racing, those who figure on the chances of horses mathematically, declared that the favorites were due to win—that the wheel of chance in its cycle had swung around to them.

Whatever the reason, the horses won and the men who follow the favorites blindly had their innings. One after another, without a break in the sequence of luck, the first choices dashed past the winning post in front.

Lattice, at 17 to 10, won the first race in a driving finish by a neck. Refined, at 7 to 6, had a tight squeeze to land the second, but beat Imperator a head on the post. Moriboy got a head victory in the third from Grandama, and it was not until the very last striders that the favorites were certain of their bets, at odds of 6 to 5.

In the fourth race sulky old Gamara took kindly to the changed condition of the track, and, stepping along with the freedom of a colt, led from start to finish and beat his former stable mate, Delphi, by a length. The price against Gamara was 7 to 5.

Only Favorite Beaten.

Foreigner was the only favorite to fail. He was in the last race, with a lot of cheap betting placed, but he was unable to race well in the slippery mud, and finished fifth. Dele Strone, at 12 to 1, was the winner. This filly, like most daughters of Ben Strone, made light of the heavy soil and plowed through it rapidly. Her opponents became leg weary, and she won by two lengths.

The rainstorm of the early morning not only changed the complexion of the racing, but it nearly wrecked the program. During the afternoon twenty-nine horses were withdrawn. So many were "scratched" in the fourth race, which was the main feature of the card, that the race was abandoned, and only six contests took place.

P. M. C. announced yesterday that he would retire from the turf. All of his horses, he declared, will be sold at auction on Monday. He assigned no reason for his determination to quit a business that has been profitable to him for many years, but his friends stated that the defeat of Only It Thursday was a sore blow to the Kentucky. He backed Only It heavily, they said, and the loss, joined with the loss of the first race, had been too much for him.

This is not the first time that Only It has made "P. M. C." bank account slim. He now declared that he will sell out before he "goes broke."

The Summaries.

First race, three and a half furlongs—Lattice (12 to 10), 1st; 10 to 10, 2nd; Dew of Dawn, 105 (12 to 10), 3rd; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 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